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Arnold Flesh's mystery yesterday: It is a dark, a awakening the city to the fact that a man who had been a prosperous merchant had been shot three times while he was in the room at the Hotel Peteler, said yesterday: "I heard nothing of a scuffle. I heard only the shots fired in the dead silence of the night."

Edwin Wilke, a guest at the Hotel Peteler, said yesterday the conversation between the father and the son, in German, which he overheard when he rushed into the room at the news of the shooting, was as follows: "The son to the father: 'You know nothing about this?'"

The father replied: "An accident." And the son assented. "Yes," Mr. Wilke found the young man in his underclothes and the revolver at his feet. Mr. Wilke also said: "This is a good way to die. I am going to heaven."

Mr. Wilke replied: "You will not die. Your left wound is dangerous, but not deadly." Mr. Wilke made an examination of Mr. Flesh's room and it seemed to him there had been a struggle there. He said yesterday:

"There was a trail of blood from the hall entrance to the door between the two rooms and across the second room to the bed." How a man intent on suicide could have fired the four shots, these of which took effect, baffles the police. How a son as devoted to his father as William B. Flesh, a mental being, could be so suicidal, is a mystery.

**CM52 His Life Insured.**  
Arnold Flesh was insured for \$20,000 in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, said one man yesterday.

William B. Flesh, the son, was the favorite of his grandfather, Joseph Loth, said another, and continued, "William B. Flesh had all he could wish. How could he sacrifice his grandfather's favor for the insignificant share of a paltry sum of \$20,000 to be divided among his father's heirs?" The first man answered that Joseph Loth was not extremely liberal, that it was not certain that William B. Flesh, who inherited his father's fortune, had not inherited the additional information that Arnold Flesh was engaged to be married, and that this engagement had caused a protest from William B. Flesh.

Joseph Loth, Arnold's father-in-law, said yesterday: "I know nothing of this reported engagement. Arnold Flesh was eccentric. The differences between him and me do not affect his honor. I would not say a word that might increase his pain. He was never a man of wealth. He was always a good salesman. I believe he tried to commit suicide and that his son tried to prevent that."

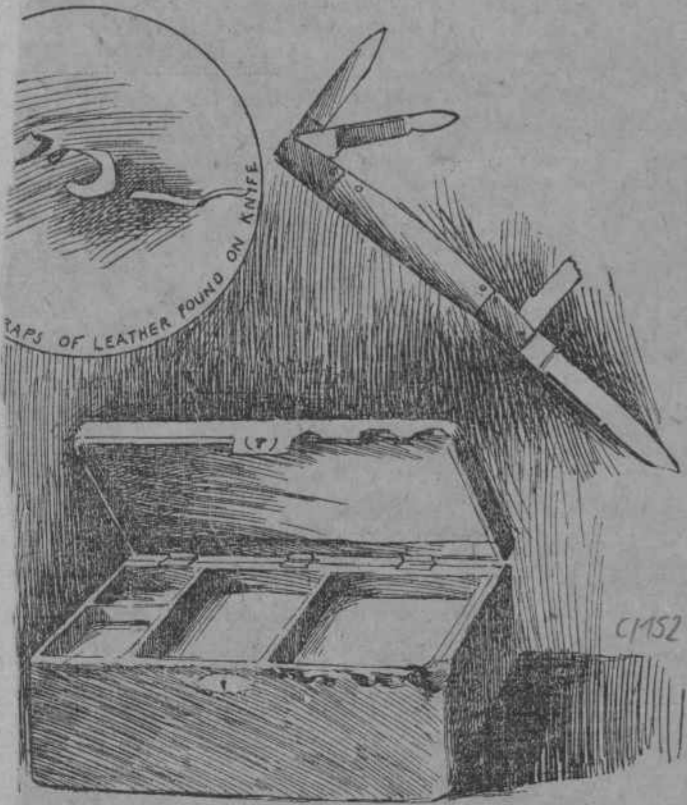
Arnold Flesh was, for a time, the senior member of the firm of A. & D. Flesh, who dealt in pearl buttons. They did not fail for \$120,000, as reports say, for they never had the opportunity to fail for so much. It is not the fact, as reports say, who owed, as reports say, his lawyer, Frank made his acquaintance through his father-in-law.

**Used Trouble.**  
The daughter became Arnold Loth objected to this the austerity of an old man. Mr. Loth thought "rightly." Mrs. Flesh at the expense of her flesh lived in New York on East Twenty-third street, and resided.

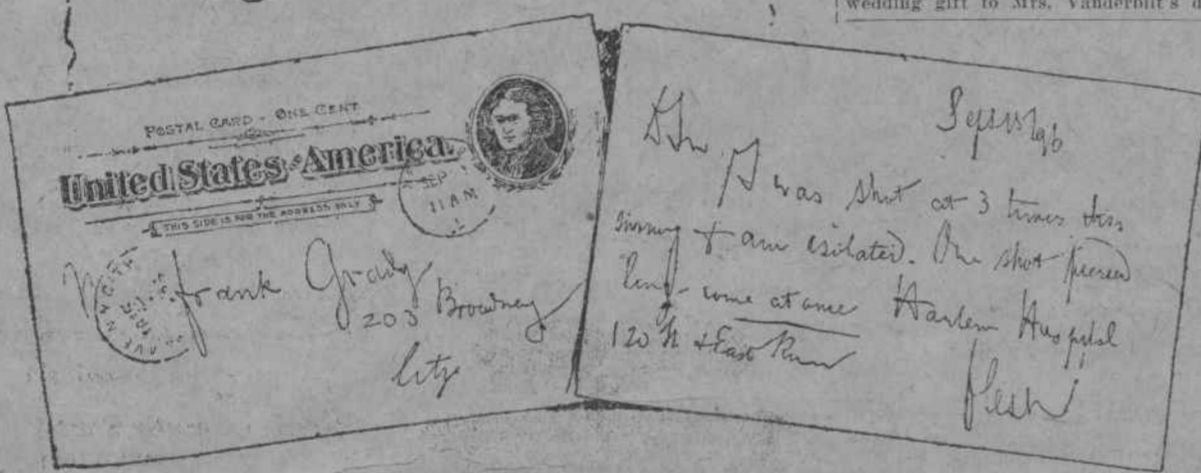
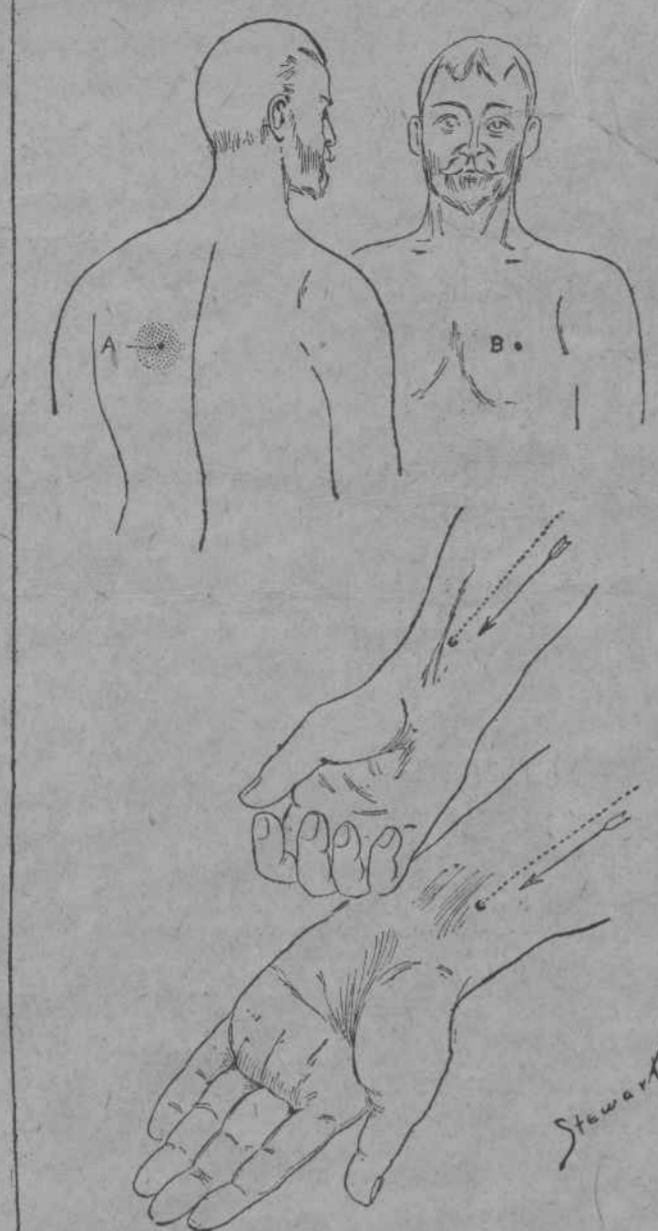
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**Jewel Case and Suspected Thief's Knife.**  
The gems belonging to a guest of the St. Cloud Hotel were stolen yesterday. The detective, becoming suspicious of the thief, asked him for his knife, and on opening the case what they say are scraps of leather from the



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#### HOTEL THIEF PURSUED A LA SHERLOCK HOLMES.

If the Detectives Have the Real Culpit They've Been Very Clever.

Lady at the St Cloud Was Robbed of a Valuable Jewel Case.

ELEVATOR BOY WAS SUSPECTED.

Examination of His Pocket Knife Shows Tiny Scraps of Leather That Might Have Been Made in Cutting into the Casket.

Through failing to dispose of the fragments, that nothing might be left. Thomas Richards, a West Indian negro, who has

been employed at the Hotel St. Cloud, may be convicted of stealing diamonds and jewels belonging to Mrs. A. C. Bilheimer, who lives at that house with her husband.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bilheimer came home last Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock they walked to the elevator door on the second floor and rang the bell for the lift to drop. There was no response for some time and the button was pushed again and yet again, and even then the elevator did not come. Further investigation disclosed that one of the bureau drawers had been ransacked, and the next thought was that the jewels had been taken. A very brief search showed that it was gone, and in great excitement Mrs. Bilheimer informed Clerk Hayes of her loss.

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While Detective Hunt was out of the room informing Mrs. Bilheimer of the result of his conference with the suspected man, Detective Wolf asked him if he had a knife, to which Richards replied that he had not. Almost immediately afterward, however, he tapped his vest pocket and said he might have one. He then produced a pearl-handled pocket knife, with one of which he had cut the leather. Richards said he had cut the leather with the knife, and he had been called three times before he appeared, and to whom he denied that he was excited and trembling when he took Mr. and Mrs. Bilheimer up to their rooms.

"That's tobacco," answered Wolf. "It's leather. How did it come here? Did you have a knife last Tuesday?" "I don't know. Perhaps I lent it to some one that day. I am not sure." At this point the case seemed to be strong enough to take Richards into custody, and closer examination developed the fact that the red Russian leather on the jewel box was of the same variety, color and texture as the fragments found in Richards's knife. At the extreme right hand end of the box was a deep gash in the leather that showed where great pressure had been brought to bear in order to force the lid off. The big blade of Richards's knife fitted it perfectly.

Richards's denial all knowledge of the robbery, and said he could not account for the appearance of the box in the toilet room. Richards is an ex-policeman from the British West Indies, where he served twelve years. He lives at No. 229 West Sixty-third street, and he was remanded to appear again next Tuesday, and was put under \$1,000 bail.

#### TANTALIZING MYSTERY OF A TANTALUS CUP.

Beautiful Baroness Declares She Sent It to Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont.

Also That Mrs. Belmont, Who Was Then Mrs. Vanderbilt, Failed to Return It.

As She Had Intended It "For Sale," Not as a Gift, This Was Embarrassing to the Baroness.

SEEKS TO RECOVER ITS VALUE.

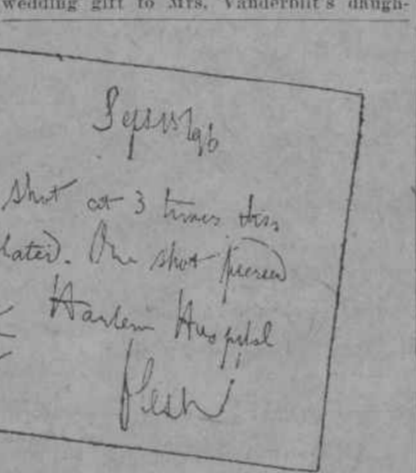
Mrs. Belmont's Lawyers Vainly Strive to Cloud the Issue by Personal Questions, but the Baroness Must Really Be More Circumstantial.

The Baroness Blanche de Bergseny presents her compliments and begs to inquire whether Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont will be good enough to return her Tantalus Cup or remit the amount of the value of the same—namely, \$500.

Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, through her attorneys, Messrs. Jay & Chandler, does not present her compliments, but begs to inquire how many husbands the Baroness Blanche de Bergseny has had, and when the last one died, if he is dead.

These and other polite interrogations were made in the City Court yesterday, the Baroness being represented by her attorney, William B. Beach, Jr., she having departed for Paris, where she now is, shortly after making similar inquiries about her famous cup, when Mrs. Belmont was still Mrs. Alva E. Vanderbilt.

Upon the occasion of her former inquiry the Baroness stated that she sent her valuable cup, at Mrs. Vanderbilt's request, to the latter for inspection as a prospective wedding gift to Mrs. Vanderbilt's daughter.



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#### GIRLS GO ON STRIKE AND SING AND DANCE.

Twenty Binders Employed by the McClure Magazine Company Go Out.

Go in a Body to the Cable Hotel, Nearby, Where They Have a Jolly Time.

Sympathetic Outcome of the Trouble That Began in the Printing Department.

WOULDN'T WORK WITH NON-UNION MEN

The Company Claims That, Though Harassed by the Loss of Sixty Expert Hands, the Magazine Will Be Out on Time.

Purely out of sympathy for striking fellow employees, a score of bright young women left their work in the binding department of the McClure Magazine Publishing Company, No. 141 East Twenty-fifth street, yesterday morning, and celebrated in a jolly way their temporary emancipation from toil.

The young women gathered in a small hall in the Cable Hotel on Twenty-sixth street, and passed several hours in dancing, singing, and a general good time.

A strike has been in progress for a fortnight in the company's printing department, and yesterday the girls decided to take an active part. About sixty skilled hands have left the company's employ, claiming a grievance, and demanding adjustment of the differences. The magazine publishers have been seriously inconvenienced and delayed in issuing their October number, but claim that all vacancies will be filled by Monday, and the edition issued on time.

The trouble began last week, when fourteen press feeders went out because, as they claim, their wages were reduced from \$12 to \$10. Their places were filled by non-union men, whereupon the International Printing Pressmen's Union authorized the pressmen employed by the McClure Company to stop working with non-union feeders, and they were ordered out by President Green, a pressman at Harper & Brothers' publishing house. Committees were sent to the company in an effort to adjust differences, but the demands of the strikers were deemed too sweeping, and nothing was accomplished.

Yesterday morning the girls employed in the bindery stood out with their fellow workers, and not return unless all old employees were taken back and the non-union men discharged. They will meet again to-morrow morning for further consultation.

A. B. Brady, secretary of the McClure Company, said yesterday afternoon that the whole trouble hinges upon a breach of faith of the feeders and their representatives. They had promised to go to work on a certain date and they failed to do so.

"Our only delay," said Mr. Brady, "comes because we tried to do the best we could by our help. He believes the magazine will be issued on time and says the vacancies are being rapidly filled. All of the presses were running yesterday."

The Grand Jury, at its extra session yesterday, considered forty complaints of violations of the Liquor Law. Indictments were found in several cases, but they will not be returned until next Wednesday.

Assistant District Attorney said yesterday that in most cases where indictments were found, the police had tried to evade the law by erecting temporary partitions to increase the number of rooms in their houses. They then claimed they came under the provision of the Liquor Law.

In several cases the indicted saloon keepers had placed these temporary partitions in their barroom Sundays. For that their barroom was converted into a "dog compartment," so they could claim the requisite number of room.

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day, and, save in the bindery, the establishment was all activity. Mr. Brady says that by working overtime in the bindery all lost ground can be regained, and that the pressroom work is now up to time. The company has advertised for help and has received over 100 applications from skilled workmen.

The concern will not re-engage one of the strikers, preferring to fill their places with new hands, but the managers express only the kindest feelings toward the men who have gone out, and say they would be glad to give any of them cordial letters of recommendation.

The strikers say that five months ago all of the printing trades' unions of the United States and Canada, every organization directly or indirectly connected with the printing trade, were amalgamated in the "Allied Printing Trades Council of New York," with headquarters at William and Duane streets. The president is William J. McLaughlin, deputy organizer of the State, and the strikers believe that such a powerful influence will be brought to bear that the McClure Company will be forced to compromise and take back the old hands.

**TORN FROM HER MOTHER.**  
Little Girl of Six Suddenly Seized by a Gerry Agent Because He Saw High Kicking.

Kicking.

Louis Felt and his wife, Louisa, proprietors of the cafe at No. 6 St. Mark's place, were arraigned in the Essex Market Court yesterday for assaulting Gerry Agent Deubert in their place the night before.

An anonymous letter was recently received by the Gerry Society, in which it was alleged that the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felt was a high kicker.

Deubert visited the Felt family, and he says in a disorderly manner.

After witnessing the exhibition of high kicking the little girl and told him she was going to take her away.

The mother screamed and the child outside after much of the mother hanging to his coat.

The street was crowded at the hearing of the mother's screams, and the child from him. In the struggle Deubert was struck in the face and profusely, and his clothes were torn.

It would have been hard with him had not Gerry A. and Wiedling and a policeman Fifth Street Station rushed to the scene. They succeeded in driving back and arrested the parents.

The mother told Magistrate that she conducted a respectable cafe, and that she had no daughter in the street.

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#### BRITAIN FEARS FENIAN

Authorities Alarmed at Recent Development of Fenian Activities.

Considering a New Administration in Ireland.

Some Probability That Will Be Dealt with Session of P.

PEACEFUL "AGITATION"

Much Likelihood That Fenian Methods—A Rip

London, Sept.



**STRIKING BINDERS CELEBRATE IN A HOTEL.**